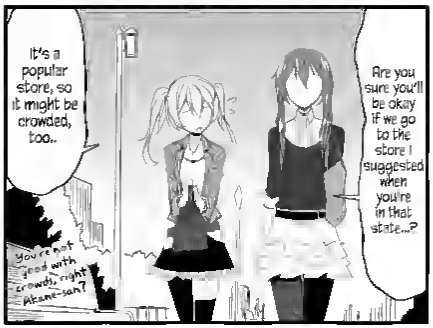
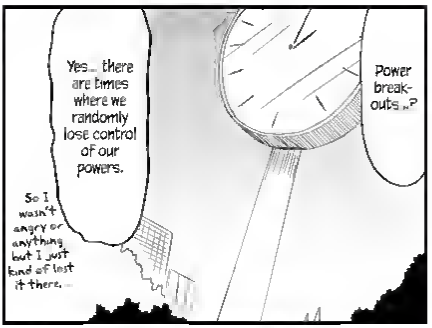
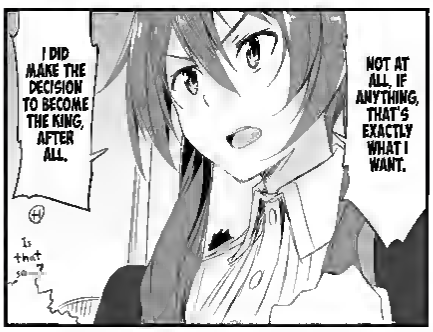
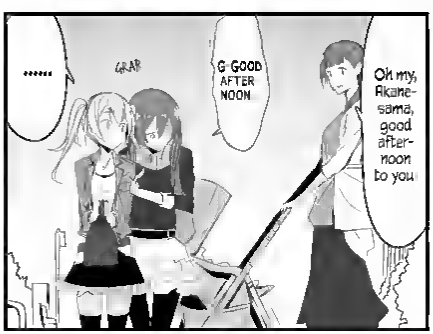
AKANE-SAAAAN!
MUMBLE
I just got here myself. I just got here myself..
MUMBLE
No, no! Since I'll be doing election activities soon, so I need to be more assertive.
I ended up going with the flow and decided to go out.
I know I'm just meeting another girl, but I'm still nervous...
This doesn't look weird on me, right...?
Clothes borrowed from Misaki
Satou-senpai!
Haa
Haa
I'M SORRY FOR BEING LATE! DID YOU WAIT LONG..!?
She seems really upset!?
Oh no, I just arrived myself.
PRRR
PRRR


Are you sure you'll be okay if we go to the store I suggested when you're in that state...?
It's a popular store, so it might be crowded, too..
You're not good with crowds, right Akane-san?


Power break-outs..?
Yes... there are times where we randomly lose control of our powers.
So I wasn't angry or anything but I just kind of lost it there...

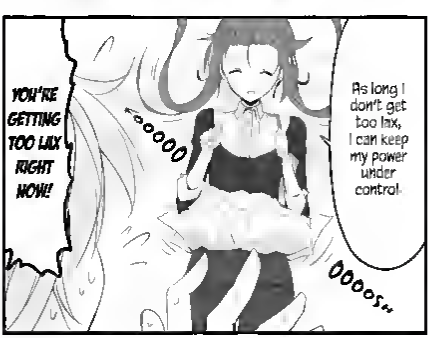

NOT AT ALL. IF ANYTHING, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANT.
I DID MAKE THE DECISION TO BECOME THE KING, AFTER ALL.
Is that so..?

Our family has to go get regular check-ups,
And we may be isolated depending on how severe our symptoms are...
Ahaha...

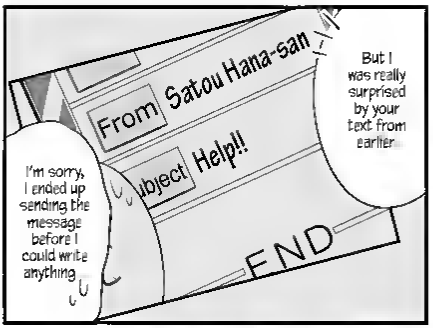

Oh my, Akane-sama, good afternoon to you
G-GOOD AFTER NOON
GRAB
.....

Oh, but I'll be fine today!

I CAN'T BE AFRAID OF BEING IN FRONT OF THAT LEVEL OF A CROWD.
SERIOUS
But isn't having your skirt flutter around a bigger hurdle to get over...?


As long I don't get too lax, I can keep my power under control
-ooooo
YOU'RE GETTING TOO LAX RIGHT NOW!
Oooos..

If it's regarding my older brother, you could have asked someone else
Actually, why did you ask me?


From Satou Hana-san
Help!!
END
But I was really surprised by your text from earlier...
I'm sorry, I ended up sending the message before I could write anything...

So the only one left who knew most about our situation was you.
...I've only talked about Sakurada-kun to my best friend, Hitomi-chan

I got to learn a lot about Shu-ku– Sakurada-kun.
But since you took the time to listen to me,

...Well, when all is said and done, if it's about Shu-cha– my older brother, I'm the one who's spent the most time with him, after all.

There's a lot of sweets to choose from so please order whatever you like
That's why I wanted to thank you with a treat

Gumble Rumble
HUH, OH U-UM
She's in your class isn't she?
Huh? Then why not my older sister...?
Afraid of her aura

EH!?
Hmm
OH UM I HAVEN'T CALLED HIM THAT IN PERSON YET
I SEE YOU'RE CALLING MY OLDER BROTHER, SHU-KUN, HUH?

I ended up confessing in the heat of the moment that one time,
In the heat of the moment
But I don't want to get in his way

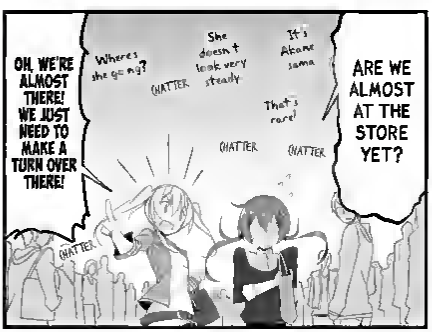
Why don't you two make it official to everyone?
Seeing that your entire family knows about you two already I don't think he would mind it at all.
.....

..Putting aside the influence you may have on my older brother,
I suppose it may be difficult for the average person to get deeply involved with the royal family with half-hearted feelings

I don't have the confidence.
Sakurada-kun's answer to me is on hold, but he's earnestly thinking about it.

EH?
OH, THAT IS...!
By the way

But how would everyone else feel about it?
Would they think it'd be presumptious for a girl like me to have a relationship with the prince..?


ARE WE ALMOST AT THE STORE YET?
OH, WE'RE ALMOST THERE! WE JUST NEED TO MAKE A TURN OVER THERE!
Where's she going?
She doesn't look very steady
It's Akane-sama
That's rare!
CHATTER
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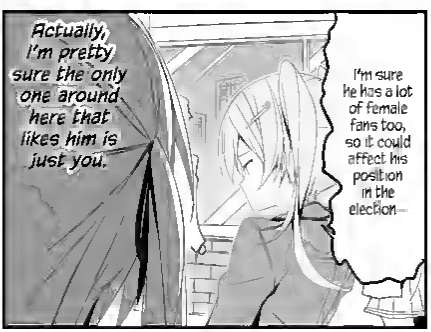
CHATTER
CHATTER


I'm sure he has a lot of female fans too, so it could affect his position in the election—
Actually, I'm pretty sure the only one around here that likes him is just you.

Huh?
But...
I do think it'd be nice if everyone got to know about me.

CHATTER
CHATTER
We are terribly packed today, so the only seats we have available are ones out in the terrace...
Wow, it really is her!
Huh, isn't that Akane-sama?
I am very sorry

I've never been the kind of person to stand out, so people would forget about me right away
I tried to change how I look in a lot of ways to impress people,

OH NO! PLEASE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR...!
Everyone's looking at us
TURN
TURN
If you allow us some time, we can prepare special seats for you.

But I guess people do look at who you are in the inside, after all
It didn't work all that well in the end.
Akane-sama's cake looks so good.

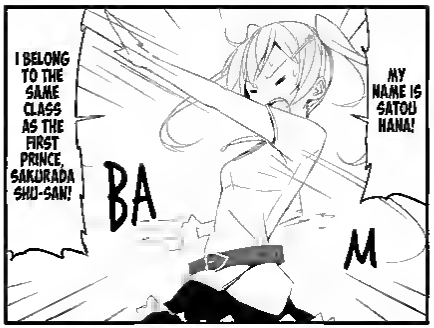
I'll be making speeches in front of many people soon, so having a meal outside like this in the meantime is no problem.
Can we take the open seats then?
This is a trial like any other

Okay, I'll get that too
Akane-sama's so adorable in person!
UM I AM SO SORRY ABOUT ALL OF THIS...
THE GRASS ISN'T ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE
Oh you're right
I'll give that a try too
Which one?
STARE
STARE
STARE

WHAT ARE YOU TAKING DOWN!?
!?
I'LL TAKE IT ALL DOWN, JUST YOU WATCH!
Eeh!?

What do you even see in my brother, anyway?
.....
I'm sorry...
We shouldn't stay too long, huh?
...I haven't met Sakurada-kun for several years, but he was able to remember me properly.
Akane-san...
You even went through the trouble of inviting me, too...
How could I—
I was forgotten by a boy who was in my class last year, you know?
Senpai, if you're going to marry my brother, this is the kind of life you'll have to be prepared to deal with...
But this is what it means to be part of the royal family
OH, I SEE...
BLUSH
NOT FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM AFTER THAT...?
THRUST
THAT'S TAKING IT TOO FAST! WE'RE NOT EVEN DATING YET!!
M-MARRY YOU SAY!?!?

Everyone's completely focused on me...!
What?
What's going on?
MUTTER
Huh? It's Akane-sama...
MUTTER
Oh no... People passing by are being drawn in by the commotion...
Y-Yes.
A-Anyway, let's eat!
I... I won't be able to...!!
Ah... No... If... everyone keeps looking at me...
Huh?
Ah...
CRACK
TEAR
TEAR
!!!!
TEAR
TEAR
A-Akane-san...?
BEND
Ueh...
AKANE-SAAAN!?
CRASH


I BELONG TO THE SAME CLASS AS THE FIRST PRINCE, SAKURADA SHU-SAN!
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MY NAME IS SATOU HANA!

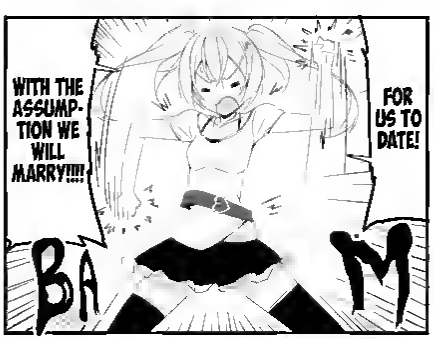
AH... AH... AHHHH...
WHOOSH--

CON-FESSED MY LOVE TO HIM!!
Jo
LT
What's that girl doing?
JUST THE OTHER DAY, I C-C-C-C...
Huh? What's this?

Akane-san, while I attract everyone's attention, you go into the store
Senpai...

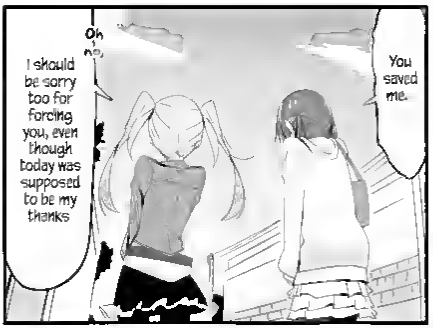
BUT WHAT I WANT PERSON-ALLY IS...
SINCE HE ALSO WANTS SOME TIME TO PROPERLY THINK IT OVER, HIS ANSWER IS ON HOLD UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION.

...Here I go
Fhhhhhhh

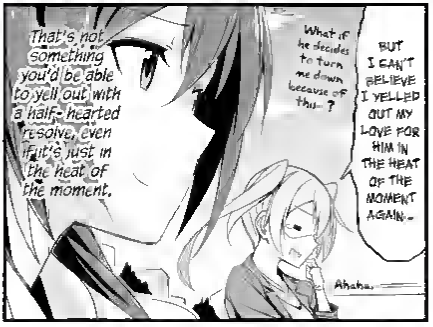

WITH THE ASSUMP-TION WE WILL MARRY!!!!
FOR US TO DATE!
BA
M

PLEASE HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY !!!!
HELLO EVERY-ONE!
Crawling away

O-OH HE DOES HUH ?
You really don't need to worry because my stupid brother's always going on about you at home.


Oh no,
I should be sorry too for forcing you, even though today was supposed to be my thanks
You saved me.

You just never grow do you?
You know,
Because of that, he doesn't pay me that much attention anymore


That's not something you'd be able to yell out with a half-hearted resolve, even if it's just in the heat of the moment.
What if he decides to turn me down because of this...?
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE I YELLED OUT MY LOVE FOR HIM IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT AGAIN...
Ahaha...

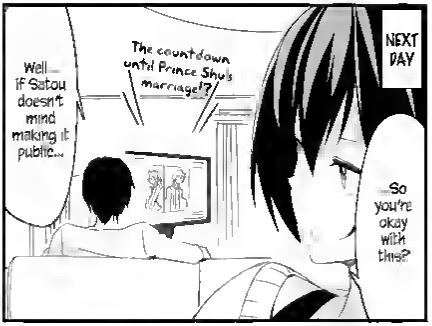
Jealous of Hana-san...?
Huh? Am I
No, don't go!!

Hana-san
But please have it in your feelings for my brother
You said you had no confidence in yourself,

?
I AM NOT, NO WAY!!

Y-YES!!
Please take care of him.

It wasn't a break-out,
But just a fever...


NEXT DAY
...So you're okay with this?
The countdown until Prince Shu's marriage!?
Well... if Satou doesn't mind making it public...

If you're not feeling well, you shouldn't be going out in the first place.
BUT I HAD PLANS WITH SOME-ONE...

I'm asking how you feel about it, Shu-chan...
Ha?

But it really could've been dangerous if you lost control of your power, okay?
I'M SORRY...

What are you mad about??
.....

You were so excited for the date that you couldn't get much sleep the night before, right?
.....

WHAT ARE YOU SO MAD ABOUT!?
SQU
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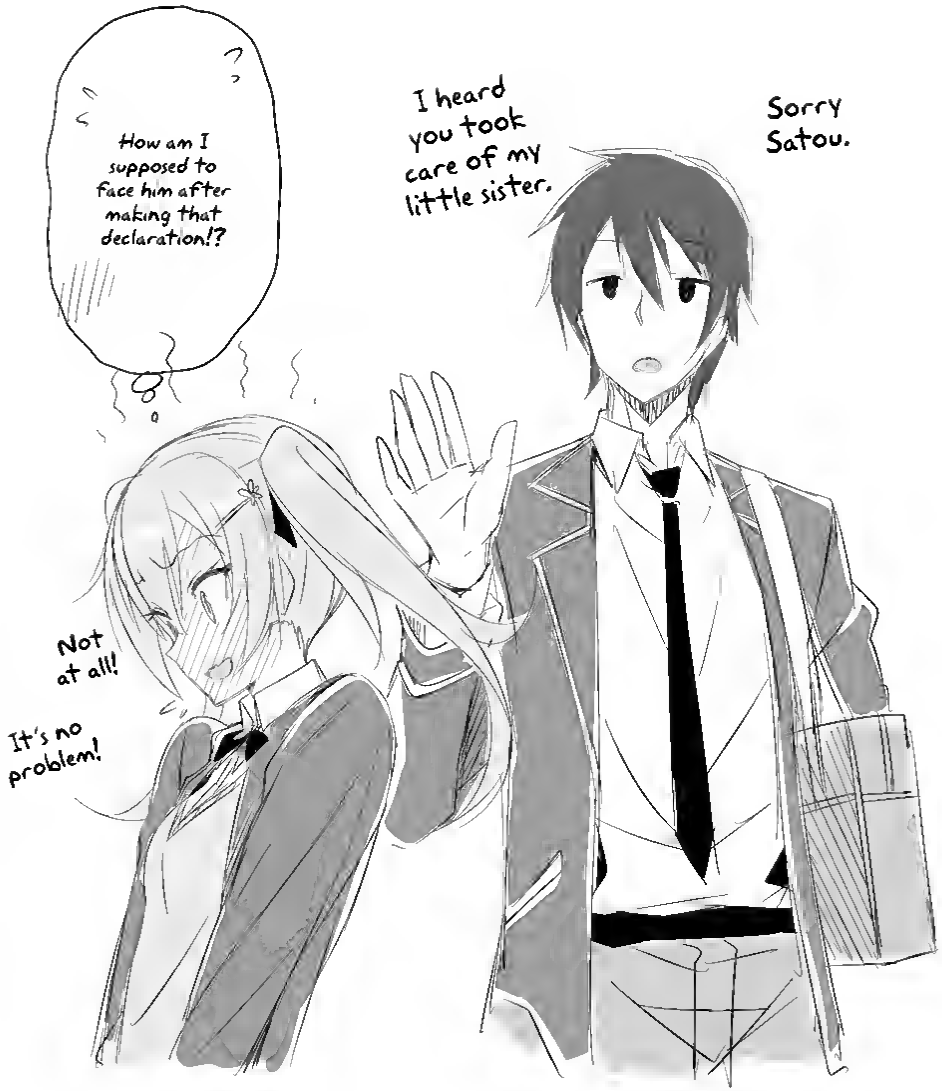
How am I supposed to face him after making that declaration!?
I heard you took care of my little sister.
Sorry Satou.
Not at all!
It's no problem!

I'll pay you back for it!
S-Sorry, Misaki!
Ahh, it's fine, don't worry about it.
Sorry!
It's okay, it's okay.
Clothes borrowed from Misaki for the date